

Social Security Program

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Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In Illinois, benefits were paid to 1,845,500 persons. This number included 1,201,790 retired workers; 207,560 widows and widowers; 179,850 disabled workers; 107,430 wives and husbands; and 148,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.8 percent of the total population of the state and 91.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Illinois received an average of \$915 per month; widows and widowers, \$882; disabled workers, \$842; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$466. Average payments for children were: \$449 for children of retired workers; \$600 for children of deceased workers; and \$250 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$1.6 billion. Of this amount, \$1.2 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$231 million to survivors; and \$165 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Illinois**, 249,004 persons—31,980 aged, and 217,024 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 57,342 recipients were aged 65 or older, 152,636 between 18 and 64, and 39,026 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$106.2 million. The average federal payment was \$401 overall, \$317 for aged recipients, and \$413 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 34,686 persons in Illinois received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$2.4 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Illinois receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,035,221.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Illinois** in 1999, an estimated 6.67 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$174.93 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$21.69 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Illinois** in 1999, an estimated 6.83 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$221.78 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.43 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Indiana**, benefits were paid to 1,000,050 persons. This number included 635,280 retired workers; 111,110 widows and widowers; 112,660 disabled workers; 58,160 wives and husbands; and 82,840 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.5 percent of the total population of the state and 95.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Indiana received an average of \$915 per month; widows and widowers, \$873; disabled workers, \$824; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$466. Average payments for children were: \$467 for children of retired workers; \$608 for children of deceased workers; and \$235 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$835 million. Of this amount, \$612 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$122 million to survivors; and \$101 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In **Indiana**, 89,118 persons—6,889 aged, and 82,229 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 13,168 recipients were aged 65 or older, 58,760 between 18 and 64, and 17,190 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$36 million. The average federal payment was \$367 overall, \$202 for aged recipients, and \$381 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 1,140 persons in Indiana received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$297,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Indiana receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,060,151.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 151.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$3.7 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$464 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI Trust Funds.

In **Indiana** in 1999, an estimated 3.46 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$83.98 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$10.41 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Indiana** in 1999, an estimated 3.48 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$93.64 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.72 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Michigan**, benefits were paid to 1,658,480 persons. This number included 1,026,770 retired workers; 188,510 widows and widowers; 192,100 disabled workers; 106,640 wives and husbands; and 144,460 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.6 percent of the total population of the state and 96.1 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Michigan received an average of \$941 per month; widows and widowers, \$881; disabled workers, \$879; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$474. Average payments for children were: \$458 for children of retired workers; \$614 for children of deceased workers; and \$258 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$1.4 billion. Of this amount, \$1.0 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$209 million to survivors; and \$185 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Michigan**, 210,492 persons—18,768 aged, and 191,724 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 36,919 recipients were aged 65 or older, 139,844 between 18 and 64, and 33,729 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$90.5 million, of which \$88.2 million was federal SSI and \$2.3 million, state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$399 overall, \$265 for aged recipients, and \$412 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 195,701 persons in Michigan received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$7.8 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Michigan receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,805,450.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Michigan** in 1999, an estimated 5.69 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$152.40 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$18.90 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Michigan** in 1999, an estimated 5.73 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$176.39 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.12 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Minnesota**, benefits were paid to 746,100 persons. This number included 495,620 retired workers; 80,960 widows and widowers; 70,680 disabled workers; 49,250 wives and husbands; and 49,590 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.0 percent of the total population of the state and 94.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Minnesota received an average of \$867 per month; widows and widowers, \$838; disabled workers, \$797; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$443. Average payments for children were: \$449 for children of retired workers; \$618 for children of deceased workers; and \$244 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$598 million. Of this amount, \$454 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$83 million to survivors; and \$61 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In **Minnesota**, 65,538 persons—10,081 aged, and 55,457 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 15,414 recipients were aged 65 or older, 41,369 between 18 and 64, and 8,755 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$25.7 million. The average federal payment was \$366 overall, \$278 for aged recipients, and \$383 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 38,392 persons in Minnesota received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$6.9 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Minnesota receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 790,188.

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In **Minnesota** in 1999, an estimated 3.00 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$78.22 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$9.70 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Ohio, benefits were paid to 1,921,920 persons. This number included 1,178,840 retired workers; 250,020 widows and widowers; 201,160 disabled workers; 145,800 wives and husbands; and 146,100 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.8 percent of the total population of the state and 93.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Ohio received an average of \$891 per month; widows and widowers, \$858; disabled workers, \$811; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$452. Average payments for children were: \$442 for children of retired workers; \$591 for children of deceased workers; and \$234 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$1.6 billion. Of this amount, \$1.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$257 million to survivors; and \$177 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Ohio**, 241,763 persons—16,929 aged, and 224,834 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 36,548 recipients were aged 65 or older, 164,421 between 18 and 64, and 40,794 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$101.5 million, of which all but \$969 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$392 overall, \$244 for aged recipients, and \$403 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Ohio receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,098,231.

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In **Ohio** in 1999, an estimated 6.03 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$141.65 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$17.56 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Ohio** in 1999, an estimated 6.41 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$175.60 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.09 billion in Medicare taxes.



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The Social Security program—Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of the worker's retirement insurance (old-age) or disability benefit is based on the worker's level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program. The benefit amount for an auxiliary or survivor beneficiary is based on a percentage of the worker's benefit. Monthly benefits are payable to retired workers at age 65 (reduced benefits at 62) or to disabled workers at any age. Auxiliary and survivor beneficiaries must generally meet an age, a disability, or child care requirement.

Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Wisconsin**, benefits were paid to 905,450 persons. This number included 608,890 retired workers; 94,480 widows and widowers; 85,830 disabled workers; 53,680 wives and husbands; and 62,570 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.8 percent of the total population of the state and 96.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Wisconsin received an average of \$896 per month; widows and widowers, \$870; disabled workers, \$807; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$456. Average payments for children were: \$480 for children of retired workers; \$607 for children of deceased workers; and \$244 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$750 million. Of this amount, \$574 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$101 million to survivors; and \$75 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2002, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$545, and for a couple, \$817.

A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments

including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Wisconsin**, 85,333 persons—9,310 aged, and 76,023 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 16,565 recipients were aged 65 or older, 54,205 between 18 and 64, and 14,563 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$32.8 million. The average federal payment was \$359 overall, \$216 for aged recipients, and \$377 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 106,515 persons in Wisconsin received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$10.6 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Wisconsin receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 960,579.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 151.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$3.7 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$464 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI Trust Funds.

In **Wisconsin** in 1999, an estimated 3.20 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$78.98 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$9.79 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 154.7 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance or HI) program. They earned \$4.6 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$134 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI Trust Fund.

In **Wisconsin** in 1999, an estimated 3.22 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$88.24 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.56 billion in Medicare taxes.



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